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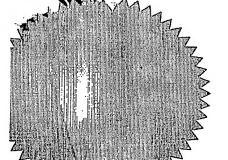
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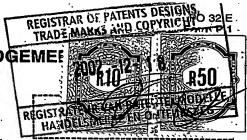
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Patent Application

Rigidek

General description

The patent is known as the "Rigidek" Load-bin cover. "Load-bin" refers to the section of a Light Delivery Vehicle (LDV), Bakkie or truck that is used to carry the load or cargo. The patent can also be used to cover the load-bin of a trailer. The Rigidek patent describes a load-bin cover, collapsible canopy and load-bin tent.

Novelty claims of the patent

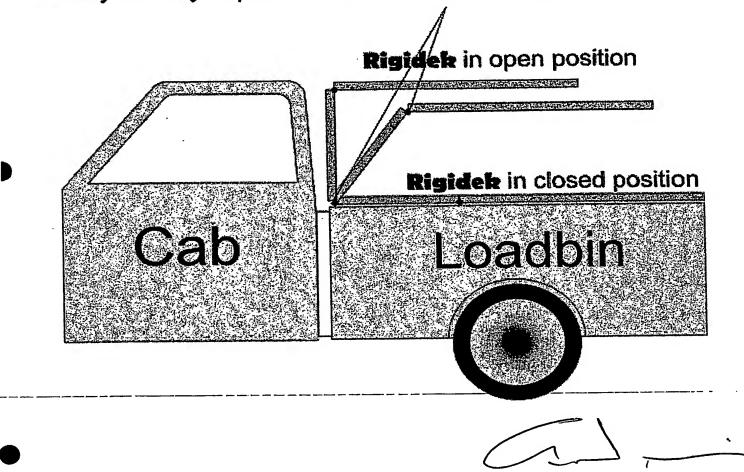
- 1. The "double hinge" mechanism that allows the load-bin cover to "collapse.
- 2. The usage of such a "double hinge" on a load-bin cover.
- 3. The optional support struts that allow the Load-bin cover to remain parallel to the load-bin.
- 4. The vehicle can be driven with the "Rigidek" locked in the open position making it the first ever collapsible "canopy" system.
- 5. The contents of the load-bin are still "shaded" whilst in the open position.
- 6. By attaching an additional canvas section the load-bin cover becomes a load-bin tent.
- 7. All other load-bin covers have to date used a single hinge mechanism only allowing the cover to pivot to one side.
- 8. There are no other rigid collapsible canopies in existence.

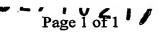
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The Rigidele Loadbin cover / Collapsible canopy/ Loadbin Tent

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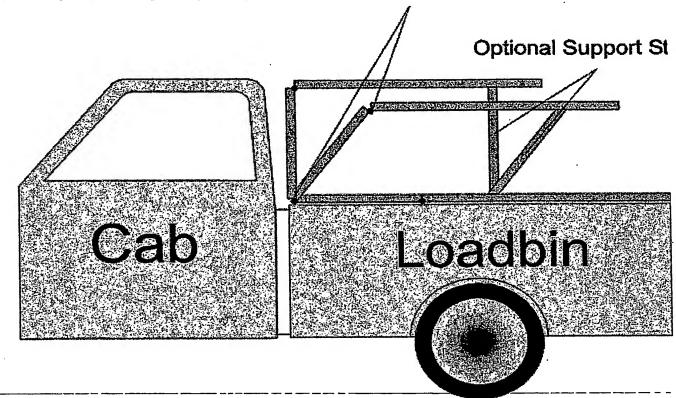




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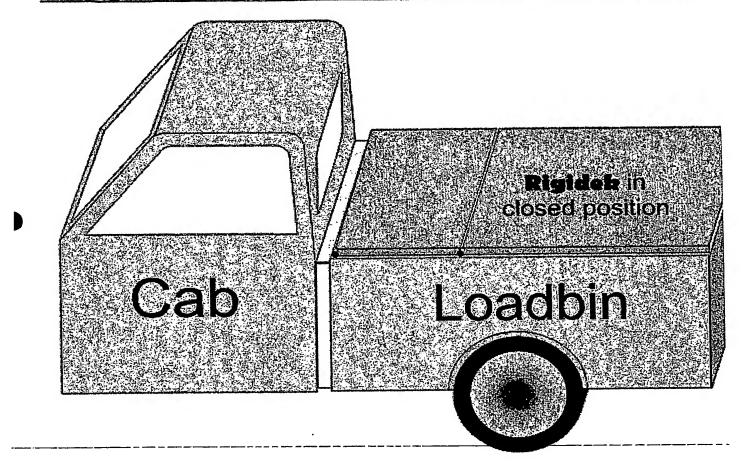
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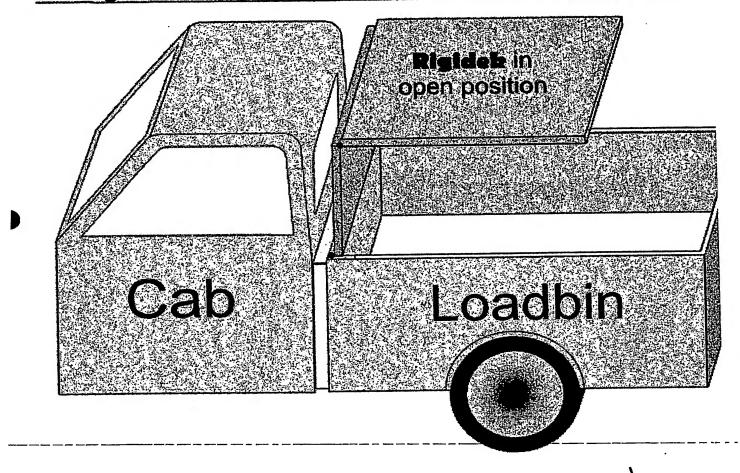
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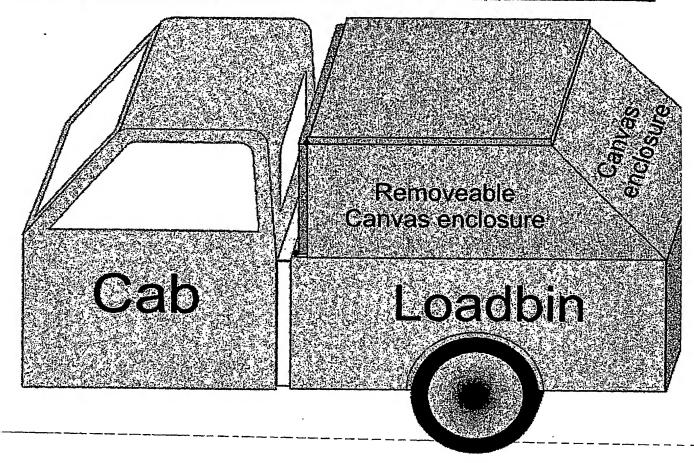
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The Rigidel Loadbin cover / Collapsible canopy/ Loadbin Tent



<u>Drawing V</u>

The Rigidek Loadbin cover / Collapsible canopy/ Loadbin Tent

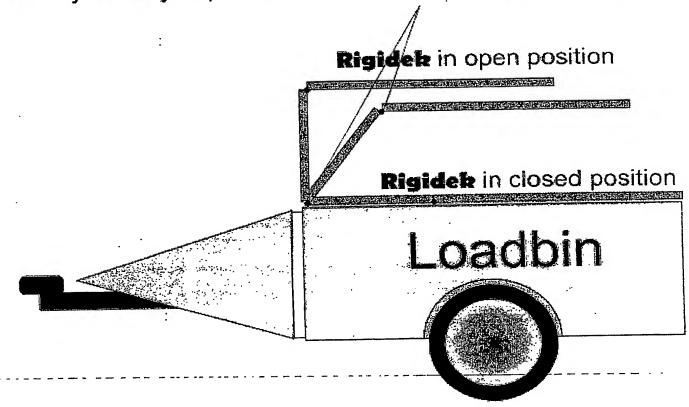




Drawing VI

The Rigidel Loadbin cover / Collapsible canopy/ Loadbin Tent

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